

St. Gabriel's Catholic Primary School



Our Vision





Our school vision captures our beliefs and values as a learning community. We hold our children at the centre. Through explicit targeted teaching and engaging learning experiences, we empower all learners.

We value our children's voices and work collaboratively to foster a love for learning.



The way we learn

We have a clear model of explicit learning and teaching. We employ qualified Literacy and Numeracy coaches to ensure continued success.

Children have target teaching in both Literacy and Numeracy to ensure that each child is explicitly taught where they are in their learning. All children have the right to achieve success and growth.





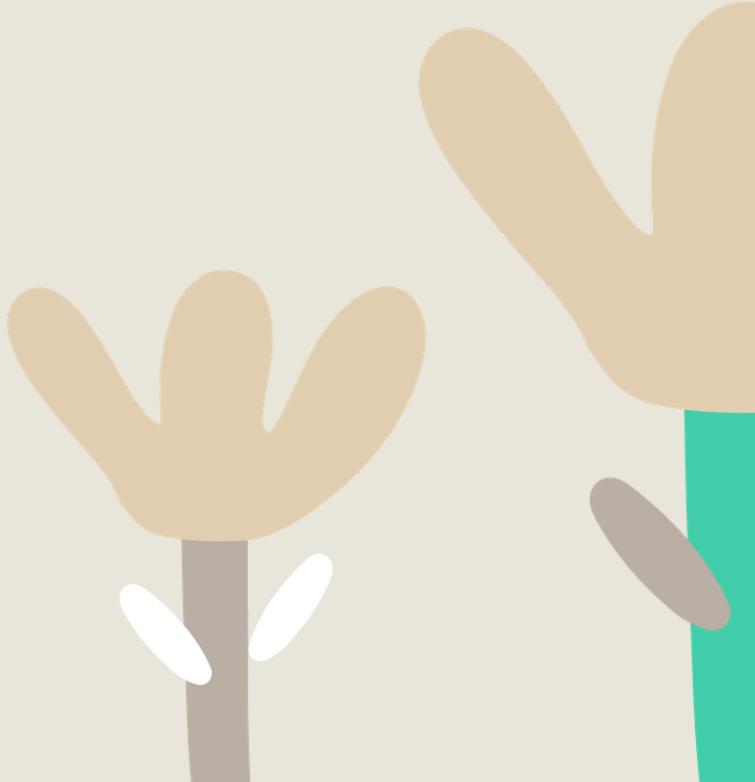
Our children have the opportunity to apply explicitly taught skills of reading, writing and maths, through Discovery and Projects.

We equip our children to understand the world they live in and to create solutions to real world problems.

Our Specialist Classes

We offer Italian, Sport (P.E) with swimming and inter-school sports, and The Arts including Music, Visual and Performing Arts.

Children engage with Digital Technology through a specialized program and within their hub environments.



Engaging with Place

We offer a unique learning experience with Engaging with Place. Each week, children spend time with 'land' and discover 'place' (through our farm including taking care of chickens) and our connection to Wurundjeri land.

Farm to Kitchen:

Children plant, harvest and cook our produce, learning about our world and how to give back and look after it.

Together, we discover and understand our responsibilities and our impact.

Wellbeing

At St Gabriel's, we recognise the importance of wellbeing and the impact it has on children's learning. Every aspect of school life aims to enhance children's wellbeing and contribute to the full flourishing of each child in all aspects of their development. We have implemented a *beginning of the day* routine, which is based on the Berry Street Educational Model. We refer to this routine as, '*Getting Ready To Learn*'.



A photograph showing a person in a blue long-sleeved shirt and a child in a green long-sleeved shirt interacting outdoors. The person's arm is extended towards the child. The background is blurred, showing a brick wall and some greenery.

The “Buddy” Program links Children in their Prep Year with senior children in the school. The buddy program creates a co-operative learning environment where positive peer behavior is fostered. The Program is designed to give children the opportunity to work on “partner activities” with children of differing age groups and social skills.

Partner work is an excellent strategy for developing children’s language and social skills.



Our Ways of Being

Our '*Ways of Being*' are our shared expectations for how we learn together at St. Gabriel's.

Our children are explicitly taught skills and strategies to help them live our these expectations.

Ways of being



Be safe



Be kind



Be a learner

Leadership opportunities for children

A key feature of our success is the active involvement of our children in the life of the school. The school offers a diverse range of leadership opportunities for all children that includes joining leadership teams and participating in leadership roles like:

School Leaders, House Leaders, Social Justice Leaders and Sustainability Leaders.

Children in the senior year levels attend a leadership conference to inspire their growth in these roles.



Outside School Hours Care

Our school offers MACSEYE onsite before and after school care. We are thrilled to be able to provide access to this service for our school community. At MACSEYE, the aim is to inspire a love of learning, celebrate joy and wonder, and spark curiosity in every child.

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At St. Gabriel's, we believe that transition is a time of connection, change and community.

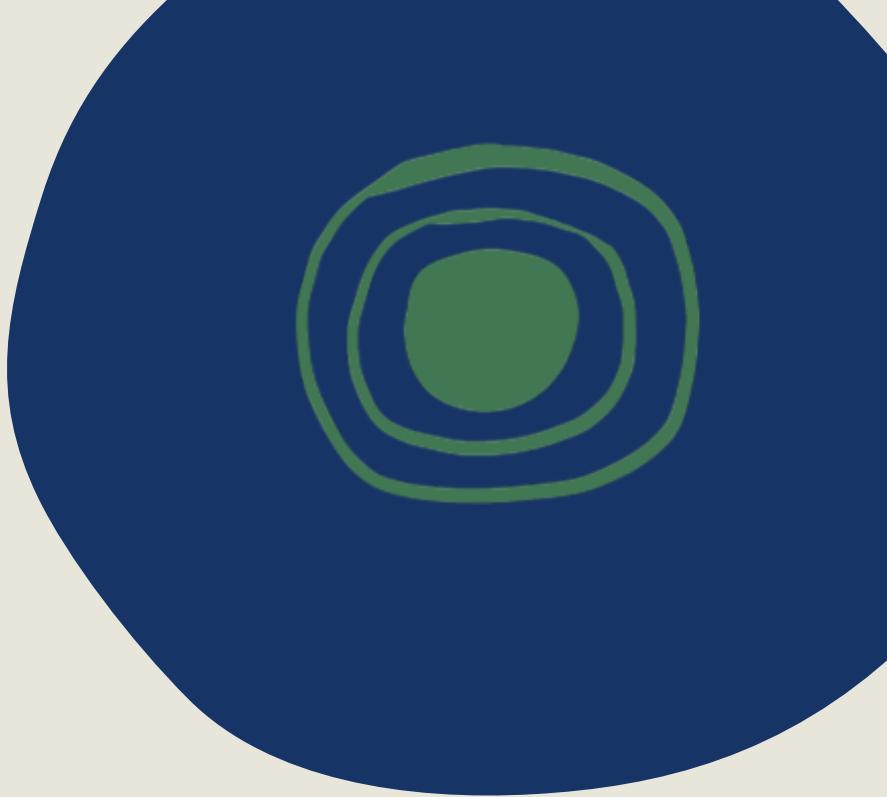


Prep Transition & Head Start Program

Our transition process begins with:

- Our Prep children receiving buddy letters from their buddy.
- We gather at a welcome evening to connect with our new children and families.

Following this, we host several transition mornings that provide an opportunity for our prep parents and children to visit our school together. The children gather in the learning space and spend time with educators and fellow classmates. During this time, parents meet with our school leaders to hear more about school life at St. Gabriel's.



We are excited to continue our Head Start program in 2026- an approach for PREP 2027 children.

'Head Start' is an optional program that supports our transition process and is conducted in term four for all children commencing school at St Gabriel's.

The program will enable your child to:

- Be oriented to the school
- Become familiar with prep routines and expectations.
- Participate in early literacy experiences
- Form friendships with other children

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